

## Kindermusik - Here's What's in Store

Welcome!

I am absolutely thrilled you have chosen us to begin your child's musical journey.

Sing Music Studio's Kindermusik program is the leading music and movement education out there for babies, toddlers and preschoolers - bringing leading music pedagogy, child development and early childhood education together as one. Every activity in a Kindermusik class is planned with intention to ensure that we nourish your child's brain development with these 8 key elements each week:

- Social-emotional skills
- Cognitive development
- Whole body movement
- Fine motor skills
- Receptive language
- Expressive language
- Musical skills
- Sensory learning

Beyond the high calibre music education that we provide, there is so much more in store.

Our genuine and nurturing team of educators strive to provide an environment where everyone shines. From the inquisitive child to the quiet observer, the enthusiastic and exuberant to the bashful. We see you, and we can't wait to make memorable experiences with you.

Welcome to the family!

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# The Kindermusik Student Journey



## Babies (0-1 year)

These foundational classes for the littlest learners are the perfect fit to support baby's development and sheer delight! The connections with other moms and your educator's expert knowledge on child and brain development make these classes the best foundation for parents too. In this sensory rich environment that combines listening, vocal play, object exploration, bonding, dancing and movement, you and your baby are destined to thrive, building a strong foundation for your baby's learning and life skills.



## Young Toddlers (1-2 years)

Young toddlers are all about exploring and reacting to new sounds, objects and movements. During this crucial phase of development, they are in need of a safe environment with the right support to help them gain confidence, move, groove and speak! Our expert educators intertwine parenting tips and child development knowledge effortlessly during each weekly class, providing you with the tools you need to be your child's very best (and most important) teacher! You can expect singing, group dances, instrument play, new friends, connection and lots of encouragement in our Level 1 classes.



## Older Toddlers (2-3 years)

Let the energy and curiosity unite! Level 2 classes are all about exploring creativity and enhancing cognitive development through singing, dancing, and instrument play, while grownups learn how to help unpack big emotions with music. You can expect vocal play and sound identification, exploration of language patterns, discovery of instruments and musical concepts and plenty of movement and socialization! In addition to cognitive development, your toddler will strengthen the fine motor skills needed to write and whole body skills such as balance, self-control and the ability to regulate movement.



## Preschoolers (3-4 years)

It's time to tap into the preschooler's natural love of music! Level 3 classes use music to boost language skills, confidence, social-emotional skills, self-control, and more. In this drop-off class, parents and caregivers join near the end of class to participate in the music-making. At this level, we begin to explore ensemble development, pre-reading music, creative expression and instrument play all leading the way to the next step in your child's unfolding musical journey, Explorers Preparatory, the first phase of our Performing Artist Program. Your child will gain cognitive and listening skills, language understanding and socialization that provides the readiness they require for the group classes and one-on-one lessons to come in the Performing Artist Program student journey.

### In-Class Support

Whether it's you (the parent/guardian), a grandparent, a nanny, aunt, uncle or family friend, your child will thrive with an engaged caregiver by their side. Leaving distractions (including cell phones) outside the classroom and joining us with the mindfulness of being present, actively participating and modelling great listening skills are the keys to unlocking all the magic that Kindermusik has in store.

Our educators are a beautifully musical, energetic, warm and friendly team armed with the knowledge to provide your child with a nourishing musical foundation and you with the parenting tips, tools and child development information you need. When you are actively engaged in class, not only are you supporting your child, you are supporting your Kindermusik educator which helps everyone shine! After all, you are your child's number one teacher and, as the saying goes, it takes a village!

### After-Class Support

You are joining our Sing Music Studio family and we want to see your child thrive within our nourishing community! The number one thing you can do at home to support your child's class connection and engagement is to listen to the music from Kindermusik. When your child becomes familiar with the tunes... that's when the magic happens! You will begin to see your child light up when recognizing familiar tunes in class. What a joy it is when you first hear your little one attempt to sing along! It's so easy to support these joyous moments by listening along in the car, during meal prep, mealtime, in the bath, during playtime... anytime can be music listening time! And we cannot wait to see your child sparkle!

Here's how you can access your child's music and more. Login to our parent portal on the Sing Music Studio website here, <https://www.singmusicstudio.com/parent-portal/>. Once there, you will be able to access all the music from your currently enrolled Kindermusik level, additional albums, "best of" albums from any previous levels you have attended and read along books. In the portal, you can also access your account and payment details, current and past enrolments and book make-up classes. All you will need is the email address you enrolled with to set-up and access your account.

And to REALLY kick it up a notch, making your music access even easier, simply download the free Kindermusik App here: <https://www.kindermusik.com/free-app>. By using the same login from the parent portal, you can access all of your child's music at home and on the go. PLUS, the Kindermusik App has some wonderful (and educational) additional features:

- Access to hundreds of songs in the Kindermusik library
- Themed playlists
- Create your own playlists
- Interactive instrument play
- Kid-friendly craft and recipe videos
- Read along books
- Nature sounds
- Make your own music
- Kid mode

## Performances

Sing Music Studio is proud to host an end of year recital in addition to in-studio showcases and community performance opportunities every school year. We love seeing students of all ages and abilities participate! It's a wonderful way to build confidence and a passion for performance.

Kindermusik educators will connect with each class as we gear up for the recital as we've been known to have our littlest members of the Sing Music Studio family participate from time to time. Even if your class does not participate, we encourage you to join us as a spectator to see what's in store. Performers and spectators alike always walk away feeling warm and fuzzy and, most importantly, inspired!

## Performance Opportunities

- Hallowe'en Showcase: Peer-only attended small group showcases during the week leading up to Hallowe'en. Group activities and performances by all students attending lessons and Performing Artist Program ensembles in place of lessons and classes.

- **Hallowe'en in the Village:** A community event held in Clarkson village on the last Saturday in October. Performances by Performing Artist Program ensembles only. No regular lessons/classes in the studio on this date.
- **Christmas in the Village:** A community event held in Clarkson village on the last Thursday in November. Christmas Carolers performance and open mic session for all students and Performing Artist Program Ensembles. No regular lessons/classes in the studio on this date.
- **Holiday Performance Week:** Professional video recording experience in-studio during one week in December culminating in a full length Holiday Video Recital showcasing all performers. Performances by all students attending lessons and Performing Artist Program ensembles in place of lessons and classes.
- **Ignite the Spark Showcase:** peer-only attended small group showcases during the last week of February. Performances by all students attending lessons and Performing Artist Program ensembles in place of lessons and classes.
- **Amazing Fun Park Stage:** Performance stage in Mississauga for all students and Performing Artist Program ensembles.
- **Clarkson Village Live:** A community event held in Clarkson village on a Saturday in June.
- **Spring Recitals:** Live professional recital experience held in a local performance venue during one week in June. Performances by all students attending lessons, Kindermusik and Performing Artist Program ensembles in place of lessons and classes.

Full details on each event can be found on our website here and is updated frequently:

<https://singmusicstudio.com/recitalsandperformances/>

If you haven't visited the calendar page found at <https://www.singmusicstudio.com/current-calendar/> yet, be sure to do so for the specific dates and mark your calendars!

## What Comes Next

We know Kindermusik is only the beginning of your child's musical journey at Sing Music Studio. Once your child has completed the Kindermusik program, they will be ready for the exciting new opportunities that await in our unique Performing Artist Program. In this holistic, creative, cross-genre education for young and aspiring musicians, students will have opportunities to thrive individually in one-on-one lessons alongside robust group playing experiences to learn the magic of making music with others.

Our Kindermusik educators are a special team of talented musicians who also lead many of our Level 1 Performing Artist Program group classes and one-on-one lessons. Kindermusik kids transition to this new program with ease with the continued support of their beloved instructors, lovingly guiding them through the next step in the journey. They truly nurture the sparkle in an environment where everyone shines!

## Absence

While we know that you know how important consistent attendance is in your child's music education, we also know that kids get sick, things happen and once in a while a class has to be missed. If that is the case, we appreciate you reaching out to our Harmony Team as early as possible so that we are aware of your absence.

We do offer make-up classes for families enrolled in our school year Kindermusik program only. Make-ups are available provided you remain enrolled in the program and to not carry forward after withdrawal or if the program ends at any time. You can book your make-up online via the parent portal in any age appropriate class with spaces available. Keep in mind that if our programs are full, make-ups will not be available.

On the even rarer occasion of your instructor being absent, a substitute instructor, virtual or make-up class option will be provided based on the circumstances.

